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H. R. 1206

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct at least 3 demonstration projects involving promising technologies and practices to remedy contaminated sediments in the Great Lakes System and to authorize the Administrator to provide technical information and assistance on technologies and practices for remediation of contaminated sediments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1995

Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assessment and Reme-
5 diation of Contaminated Sediments Reauthorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION OF CONTAMI-**
7 **NATED SEDIMENTS.**

8 Section 118(c)(7) of the Federal Water Pollution
9 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(7)) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(D) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-
13 trator, acting through the Program Office,
14 in consultation and cooperation with the
15 Assistant Secretary of the Army having re-
16 sponsibility for civil works, shall conduct at
17 least 3 demonstration projects involving
18 promising technologies and practices to
19 remedy contaminated sediments (including
20 at least 1 full-scale demonstration of a re-
21 mediation technology) at sites in the Great
22 Lakes System, as the Administrator deter-
23 mines appropriate.

24 “(ii) SELECTION OF SITES.—In select-
25 ing sites for the demonstration projects,

1 the Administrator shall give priority con-
2 sideration to—

3 “(I) the Ashtabula River in Ohio;

4 “(II) the Buffalo River in New
5 York;

6 “(III) Duluth and Superior Har-
7 bor in Minnesota;

8 “(IV) the Fox River in Wiscon-
9 sin;

10 “(V) the Grand Calumet River in
11 Indiana; and

12 “(VI) Saginaw Bay in Michigan.

13 “(iii) DEADLINES.—In carrying out
14 this subparagraph, the Administrator
15 shall—

16 “(I) not later than 18 months
17 after the date of the enactment of this
18 subparagraph, identify at least 3 sites
19 and the technologies and practices to
20 be demonstrated at the sites (includ-
21 ing at least 1 full-scale demonstration
22 of a remediation technology); and

23 “(II) not later than 5 years after
24 such date of enactment, complete at
25 least 3 demonstration projects (includ-

1 ing at least 1 full-scale demonstration
2 of a remediation technology).

3 “(iv) ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.—The
4 Administrator, acting through the Pro-
5 gram Office, in consultation and coopera-
6 tion with the Assistant Secretary of the
7 Army having responsibility for civil works,
8 may conduct additional pilot- and full-scale
9 demonstration projects involving promising
10 technologies and practices at sites in the
11 Great Lakes System other than the sites
12 selected under clause (i).

13 “(v) EXECUTION OF PROJECTS.—The
14 Administrator may cooperate with the As-
15 sistant Secretary of the Army having re-
16 >sponsibility for civil works to plan, engi-
17 neer, design, and execute demonstration
18 projects under this subparagraph.

19 “(vi) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBU-
20 TIONS.—The Administrator may accept
21 non-Federal contributions to carry out
22 demonstration projects under this subpara-
23 graph.

24 “(vii) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
25 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-

1 priated to carry out this subparagraph
2 \$3,500,000 for each of fiscal years 1997
3 through 2001.

4 “(E) TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND AS-
5 SISTANCE.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-
7 trator, acting through the Program Office,
8 may provide technical information and as-
9 sistance involving technologies and prac-
10 tices for remediation of contaminated sedi-
11 ments to persons that request the informa-
12 tion or assistance.

13 “(ii) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRIOR-
14 ITIES.—In providing technical assistance
15 under this subparagraph, the Adminis-
16 trator, acting through the Program Office,
17 shall give special priority to requests for
18 integrated assessments of, and rec-
19 ommendations regarding, remediation tech-
20 nologies and practices for contaminated
21 sediments at Great Lakes areas of concern.

22 “(iii) COORDINATION WITH OTHER
23 DEMONSTRATIONS.—The Administrator
24 shall—

1 “(I) coordinate technology dem-
2 onstrations conducted under this sub-
3 paragraph with other federally as-
4 sisted demonstrations of contaminated
5 sediment remediation technologies;
6 and

7 “(II) share information from the
8 demonstrations conducted under this
9 subparagraph with the other dem-
10 onstrations.

11 “(iv) OTHER SEDIMENT REMEDIATION
12 ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this subpara-
13 graph limits the authority of the Adminis-
14 trator to carry out sediment remediation
15 activities under other laws.

16 “(v) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
17 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
18 priated to carry out this subparagraph
19 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997
20 through 2001.”.

21 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF GREAT LAKES**
22 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 Section 118(h) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
24 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(h)) is amended by striking “for
25 fiscal year 1991. Of the” and all that follows through the

- 1 period at the end and inserting “for each of fiscal years
- 2 1991 through 2001.”.

